

**CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADOPTED MINUTES**

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>March 12, 2013</u>
Place:	<u>District Administration Office</u>	Time:	<u>6:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>
	<u>4034 Irving Place</u>		<u>6:01 p.m. – Closed Session</u>
	<u>Culver City 90232</u>		<u>7:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>

Board Members Present

Katherine Paspalis, Esq., President
Patricia Siever, Professor, Vice President
Nancy Goldberg, Clerk
Laura Chardiet, Member
Karlo Silbiger, Member

Staff Members Present

David LaRose, Superintendent
Eileen Carroll
Leslie Lockhart
Mike Reynolds

Call to Order

Board President Ms. Paspalis called the meeting of the Culver City Unified School District Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:01 p.m. and reconvened the public meeting at 7:00 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Ruth Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Closed Session

Ms. Paspalis reported that the Governing Board met in Closed Session regarding issues listed on today's Closed Session agenda and announced that no reportable actions were taken.

8. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board approve the March 12, 2013 agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. Consent Agenda

Ms. Paspalis called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. Ms. Siever requested that item 9.2 be withdrawn. It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1, and 9.3 – 9.5 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – February 26, 2013
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts - Donations
- 9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 12
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 12

9.2 Approval is Recommended for Purchase Orders

Ms. Siever withdrew this item to inquire request information on the progress of lowering Special Education expenditures. She also would like a Quarterly Report on funds being spent on Consultants. Mr. Reynolds stated that the Business Department s doing an in depth study of all the Special Education costs along with SELPA. He will bring the information before the Board at a later time. Ms. Chardiet asked if there was a way to compare the District's costs on Consultants to other districts same costs. Mr. Reynolds stated that he would happy to follow up with her request. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to approve the Purchase Orders from February 17, 2013 through March 2, 1013 as presented.

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations

10.1 American Citizenship Awards

Mr. LaRose and the Assistant Superintendents read the names and accomplishments of each school's recipients of the American Citizenship Award for the month of March. The recipients were Seiji Niwa from El Marino School; Jocelyn Lopez from El Rincon Elementary; David Liu from La Ballona School; Sunny MacGaffey from Linwood E. Howe School; Nathan Penchansky from Farragut School; Jairus Montgomery from Culver City Middle School;

Xavier Gonzalez from Culver Park High School; and Kevin Santeliz from Culver City High School. Board members presented each recipient with a pin and certificate; and thanked the students and their families for attending the meeting.

10.2 Presentation by Student Mariko Rooks on Teen Dating Violence

Culver City Middle School student Mariko Rooks presented information to the Board regarding teen dating violence. She provided the Board with statistics and described identifiable behavior that a student might show if they are in a violent relationship. She asked the Board to consider adding a component addressing teenage dating violence to the Anti-Bullying Program. Ms. Siever stated that she definitely thinks a component addressing this issue should be a part of the program. Mr. LaRose thanked Miss Rooks and asked that she come and speak to the Anti-Bullying Task Force. Mr. Silbiger asked that the Board get a follow-up report after Miss Rooks presents to the Task Force. Ms. Paspalis asked if Mariko's mother can send a copy of the video she recorded since the District's Videographer was not present at the meeting. Ms. Rooks agreed.

10.3 Spotlight on Education – Culver City Middle School

Ruth Morris and Dave Ross from the Middle School presented information on the GATE Program and the clubs that the students use in the program have formed. Mr. Ross explained what media applications and programs the students and introduced the student club leaders from the GATE Program. Mariko Rooks, Isabel Musselman, Gabriel Lobet, and Yira Tatera spoke about the Student Court Program which also incorporates Jury Duty. Carolyn Dodenhoff spoke about the Peer Assistance Program; Joanna Kim spoke about the Campus Beautification and Safety Program; Matt Johannsen spoke about the Lego Enthusiasts Program; Colin Nascimento and Celine Cuadra spoke about the Media Program; Saki Kimura spoke about Events Planning; Ali Gillett spoke about the Recycling Program; and Lex Torrington spoke about GATE Incorporated. Ms. Siever asked how the GATE students are selected. Ms. Carroll stated that District-wide testing of all 3rd graders occur in March to identify GATE students. In addition, any student that has two consecutive years of meeting the GATE criteria on the STAR test also qualify. Ms. Siever thanked the students for their presentations and stated she would love for the students to come to West L.A. College. Ms. Chardiet stated that their wonderful presentation made her feel that the Boards' work is done. Mr. LaRose stated that their work and creativity is certainly inspiring. He also thanked Ms. Morris and Mr. Davis for their hard work in the program.

11. Public Recognition

11.1 Superintendent's Report

Mr. LaRose reported on his attendance at the 5th grade Middle School rally and said it was a lot of fun. He said there was a great performance by the band, a skit, and the Cheerleaders were outstanding. Mr. LaRose also participated in a meeting with ACE last night. He has reinstated the Coffee and Chat that was implemented originally by Mrs. Jaffe. Mr. LaRose announced that he is kicking off a new meeting called "Whole Child-Whole Community." He explained the purpose of the meeting and looks forward to the formation of new partnerships within the community and business community. Next Wednesday the 19th is the Board Work Study Session regarding the capital improvements and he anticipates that there will be a number of people in attendance.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Mrs. Lockhart reported on her attendance at the High School's production of "Rent" which was outstanding. She was very impressed how the students dealt with a very serious subject matter. She stated that there are continued negotiations with ACE and CCFT, and for the first time a joint communication between the District and bargaining groups was put out which she received positive feedback on. The Human Resources Department is also preparing for the delivery of layoff notices.

Mr. Reynolds reported that he has been doing team walk-thrus at the school sites. He had a meeting with the architectural firm and they reported that Robert Frost is in excellent structural condition. He reported that the RFP was released and it is on the District website. He stated that the Director of Fiscal Services, Sean Kearney, will present the Second Interim Report.

11.3 Student Representatives' Reports**Middle School Student Representative**

The Culver City Middle School Student Representative was not present

Culver Park Student Representative

Eric Ibarra, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver Park High School, including the upcoming senior parent meetings to meet with teachers to discuss graduation. After the meetings every student came back very motivated. He also reported that Student Council meets every Wednesday afternoon; and provided an update on the Drug Awareness Program.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Kalena Kettering, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including an Anti-Bullying event where the producers of the movie "Bully" were present. A representative from the Cartoon Network came at lunch and released yellow balloons in honor of bullying victims. Miss Kettering also reported on the support that the girls' basketball team received and the Staff vs. Varsity Basketball game. She said that the students won. The Multi-Cultural Assembly will be taking place Friday and she urged the Board to attend. Performances of "Rent" will be from Thursday to Sunday. Miss Kettering spoke about the Peace Garden and what it has meant to the students. Students have gathered at the Peace Garden for commemorations of 9/11, and for the Sandy Hook Elementary tragedy. She said that there is a memorial planned for Coach Dave Sanchez at the Peace Garden.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- David Mielke stated that he was very impressed by the students who gave the Middle School GATE presentation. He also attended the High School's performance of "Rent" and thought it was outstanding. Mr. Mielke then provided a bargaining update. He said that the talks are going well but the Board still does not know how much money the District has. Teachers are about 10% below the median. He suggests the District start budgeting for employees. Mr. Mielke referenced a student, Martin Beer, who previously suggested that the Board consider expanding the role of the student Board Member. Mr. Mielke thinks that it is a good idea. He feels that the students know what is going on and the Student Board Member should have a right to vote.
- Jon Pearson, Principal of Culver City Middle School, who was unable to be at the meeting during the Middle School presentation spoke about the rise in test scores at the school. Ms. Siever asked how the GATE Program is funded. Ms. Carroll stated that the GATE funding was swept into the general fund. There really is not a budget at this point because the funds are swept but the District continues to identify students who are eligible and continue the program. Ms. Chardiet asked if non-GATE students get to participate in the clubs. Mr. Pearson confirmed.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Siever stated that she will be attending the Whole Child Meeting. She asked for a follow-up to her request for information regarding homeless students in the District. Ms. Siever commended Mr. LaRose on his facilitation at the Liaison Committee meeting with the City and stated that there have been great meetings with them. She also really enjoyed the Booster Club's Casino Night.
- Mr. Silbiger spoke about his attendance at the High Schools Back to School Night event and stated that the lighting needed to be looked at because he almost tripped. Mr. LaRose stated that there will be a meeting tomorrow there and he will have it reviewed. Mr. Silbiger stated that he appreciates Mr. LaRose having the Whole Child Meeting. Mr. Silbiger stated his concern with the time of the meeting. He thinks that people may not be able to attend. He asked that Mr. LaRose just check with attendees' availability. Mr. Silbiger reported on the Liaison Committee meeting and the concern over the Styrofoam trays used by the cafeteria. He requested that the District try to find an alternative to using Styrofoam trays. He said he met with Mr. Farris, Principal at the High School, and had an

interesting conversation with him when he asked him what he was working on. Mr. Farris informed him of what improvements needed to be made at the school.

- Ms. Chardiet reported on her attendance at the Open House events. She stated that the Culinary Arts Program served some wonderful food. She asked Mr. LaRose what was happening with their room. Mr. LaRose stated that they are scheduled to have a walk-thru of the Culinary Arts room to see what improvements need to be done. Ms. Chardiet also asked for a follow-up with Culver Park. If the school is going to stay in its current location than she would like to discuss the landscaping. She attended the Olweus Meeting and thought it was very interesting.
- Ms. Goldberg stated that she spent her time last week at a WASC review. She attended the Open House at Linwood Howe and the High School. She agreed that the lighting is rather poor at the High School and she did see someone stumble. She asked that everyone appreciate the amount of time and effort the community is putting into the March 16th meeting.
- Ms. Paspalis met with the Adult School Principal and did a walk-thru and learned what has been happening at the school. She also went to the Robert Frost meeting with the architects and she is looking forward to a condensed report. Ms. Paspalis reported on her attendance at the Linwood Howe and Middle School Open House events. She went to nine classes at the Middle School and both events were great. She is looking forward to the Linwood Howe Royal Three event and the upcoming Whole Child meeting. Ms. Paspalis spoke about Senate Bill 10 which was written in direct response to the abuse and misconduct to the students at Miramonte Elementary School. She is hoping that the Board will support the Bill. She informed the Board about employee Alexis Butler who lost her sister Elizabeth Butler and asked that the meeting be adjourned in her memory.

12. Information Items

12.1 Presentation of the Second Interim Report for 2012-2013

Sean Kearney, Director of Fiscal Services, presented information on the Second Interim to the Board. Dr. Henderson asked if in lieu of the new accounting requirements, if future budgets account for GASBY and what is the impact. Mr. Kearney stated that it is ongoing and he is waiting for more information. Mr. Mielke stated that GASBY is a reporting requirement not a funding requirement. He stated that it still bothers him that the Board keeps the 5% reserve when only 3% is required. Ms. Paspalis stated that the Board cannot spend money until the State actually does something. Further discussion ensued. Mr. LaRose commended Mr. Kearney and Mr. Reynolds for their hard work and for the report. He stated that he hopes that the District is “walking the talk: by spending time to go line item by line item and not just roll numbers over as they analyze the budget.

13. Recess

The Board recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:16 p.m.

12.2 Common Core Standards

Eileen Carroll, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented information on Core Standards. She explained that each state is responsible for their education. The District gets money from the Federal Government so there are guidelines that we have to follow. They are the college and career readiness standards which then became the anchor standards for the Common Core. Ms. Carroll then discussed changes in assessment and what the District has done to prepare teachers for Common Core such as providing year long training opportunities, and the District participating in pilot testing. She then spoke about the next steps for 2013-2014. Ms. Carroll responded to questions from the Board and audience members.

14. Action Items

14.1 Superintendent's Items

14.1a Approval is Recommended to Submit the Official CSBA 2013 Delegate Assembly Ballot

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the Official CSBA 2013 Delegate Assembly Ballot as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.1b Board Appointment to the City of Culver City’s Community Advisory Panel to the Oil Panel

Mr. Silbiger stated that the panel is not the City’s committee. He stated that it is actually a PXP Oil Panel. It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board appoint Ms. Paspalis as representative of Culver City Unified School District to the City of Culver City’s Advisory Panel to the PXP Oil Panel. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.1c Approval of Resolution #13-2012/2013 In Support of a Comprehensive Federal and State of California Ban on Assault Weapons and Regulation of Ammunition

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve Resolution #13-2013/2013 In Support of a Comprehensive Federal and State of California Ban on Assault Weapons and Regulation of Ammunition as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2 Education Services Items - None

14.3 Business Services Items

14.3 Approval is Recommended for the Certification of the Second Interim Report for 2012-2013

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the 2012-2013 Second Interim Report as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.3b Approval is Recommended for the 501(c)3 Organizational Bylaws for El Rincon Booster Club

It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board approve the 501(c)3 Organizational Bylaws for El Rincon Booster Club as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.4 Personnel Items

14.4a Discussion and Action on Resolution #12-2012/2013 (HR) to Reduce or Discontinue Particular Kinds of Service Pursuant to Education Code Section 44955

It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve Resolution #12-2012/2013 (HR) to Reduce or Discontinue Particular Kinds of Service Pursuant to Education Code Section 44955 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

15. Board Business - None

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Goldberg, seconded by Mr. Silbiger and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Ms. Paspalis, adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary